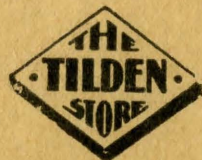


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Remember when you were a prep
How you did proudly say
That you would show you had some sense
And would not lose your way.

Remember then when school was called
And you directions heard
The thought of ever getting lost—
How perfectly absurd!

Remember how you went to class
In English, at first bell
And when the others laughed at you,
You hastened out pell mell.

You next to assembly room did go
And thought that you were placed
Till some one told you t'was his seat
And then you left with haste.

Then many more mistakes you made
Before the day did end.
A shamefaced countenance you wore
As you your way did wend.

No more did you so proudly boast,
Or tell what you would do
Instead you took the counsel wise
Which others offered you.

—Beth Wellman, '12.

"OUR FACULTY"

Mr. Hicks is our superintendent.
He is always most independent.
He is here and there,
And is liked everywhere.
In trouble he always can mend it.

Our principal is Miss Schreiner,
And surely she is no repiner.
She is ever about
And straightens thing out.
Never has a teacher been finer.

Our English teacher is Miss Bray.
Her spirits are light as a wist of hay.

She laughs and she whistles,
And pulls up the thistles
That grow in the poor children's way.

Our Physics teacher is Mr. Roach.
He is also our football coach.

He is much against smoking,
And boys on the street loafing.
Gentlemen's standard he'd have them approach.

Miss Johnson's our History teacher.
Of order she need be no preacher.

She comes to school early,
And never looks surly,
And none in her line can reach her.

Miss Boyd teaches pupils Bookkeeping.
In her classes we do little sleeping.

We make out many bills,
And we fill up our tills.
Till we think that much wealth we are reaping.

Miss Wakefield has Geometry.
Makes us busy as we can be.

If we once risk her frown,
Our names must go down
For a check mark 'gainst our industry.

Mr. Champlin holds forth in room nine.
That new room where the boards are of pine.

The seats twenty-four.
There's room for no more.
In Agriculture and Botany he's fine.

Miss Payton seems to have a pull.
Of talk on English she is full.

If we are so brave,
That we do not behave,
She is sure then to pull our wool.

Our German teacher is Miss Crawford
When she plays the piano, we never are bored.

She's a lady quite prim
and always looks trim
And of words she has quite a hoard.

Last but not least is Miss Knudson.
She makes us read German in unison.

We look on to the time
When in German we'll rhyme.
And each of us strive to be best one.

Mattie Farnum, '12.

THE GHOST OF MORRISTOWN

(In Three Parts.)

Part 1.

Joel Ridgeway had watched Morristown grow from a log cabin—the cabin he had built in a wilderness—into a village of a church, store, blacksmith shop and a few dozen houses, therefore Morristown declared that if any one had a right to govern here it was Joel. And Joel, with the air of one bestowing a great favor, had readily agreed to become her Caesar. Beside being an elder in the church, he was the law in the state, beside managing all church affairs, including the parson, he managed all state affairs, including his wife. But he was an ideal autocrat and in some way made autocratic government very attractive and Morristown sat calmly between two hills with gently folded hands and awaited Joel's beck and call.

But in the history of this world there has not as yet been found a Caesar whose path was all sunshine and flowers, and as with other great men so it was with Joel. He had his troubles, greatest of which were weasles and Kiziah Jenkins.

Joel had a chicken farm—that is, he would have had, had it not been for “them durned weasels.” But although he spent half of every night setting up traps and watching in the back yard with his shot-gun he could not conquer the weasles, and every morning found him with fewer chickens and declaring that he would soon be in the poor-house.

As to Kiziah Jenkins—she was the “other part” in Joel's little kingdom. Somewhere Kiziah had read of the “Divine right” theory and had instantly come to the conclusion that as Joel believed in a theory practical in the seventeenth century he must be a standpatter, and that as she did not believe in any such theory she must be a progressive. So Morristown, much to her horror and disgust, became the owner of the other party. From the political standpoint Joel feared Kiziah because she might be able to influence Jerome Bailey with her progressive views and if Jerome was once won over Joel knew his throne would totter; from the standpoint of an elder he gravely shook his head over the girl's sins and weaknesses and daily prayed that she might be won over to the Lord's side which was his side. That she had at least one good trait Joel never denied. She would not have her name modernized into “Cass” or “Cassie.” Also she pronounced the letter Z “izzard” as her mother had done, so that her name was spelled “K-i-izzard-i-a-h” and written “Kiziah.” Joel wondered often how so sensible a girl could have any theories different than his own, and trembled more often over the thought that he might awaken some morning with greater troubles than weasles.

Is it any wonder then that he should feel anxious and troubled when he went into Abe Nash's store one Saturday

evening and found a larger crowd of men than usual gathered there listening to Jerome Bailey, who was mounted on a sugar barrel, and waving his arms about wildly in the air exactly as Joel had seen a man do who was running for mayor in the town of Hardan.

Joel strode firmly across the room to the group of men, determined to fight a good fight, but Samuel Perkins, from his seat on top of the rusty little heating stove—the stove was a common seat in the summer months—called out excitedly:

“Git a move on yew, Joel! We're waitin' t' know ef yew believe 'n ghosts.”

Joel wiped the perspiration from his brow, and sank down weakly in a chair. “Waal now, Sam'l, 'pears t' me thar's things wuss'n ghosts 'n this air wuld.”

“Then you believe in ghosts, Brother Ridgeway?” the Parson asked.

But Joel had by that time regained his footing and he brought the stove poker down hard on the counter. “Parson Harmon, I'm elder in th' chu'ch an' 'twould be a-throwin' th' Lord's religion back'n His face t' say I believe 'n ghosts. I'm su'prised at yew're question, I'm su'prised!”

“But,” put in Old Bailey, the miller, “Jerome 'ere sez ez how he's seen a ghost.”

“An' Sally Dundy, who was Sally Saunders, sez thet when her brother's second wife's sister's leetle 'un died they seen a speerit,” said Jake Quigley.

Abe Nash saw that Joel was too angry to speak so he siezed the opportunity to push a glass of cider across the counter.

“Ere, Joel, hev a drink.”

But Joel, when he played the part of elder, played it to perfection.

“Much obleeged, Abe, but I'm not drinkin' t'night.” Then he fixed the condemnatory tail of his eye on Jerome. “Her thet was Sally Saunders couldn't tell a ghost from a shadder; but gosh-all-hemlock! I'd no idy yew hed seech leetle sense.”

“'Pon my word an' honor, Joel, I seen a ghost 'twixt 'ere an' Jim Ryans. I was a-cumin' hum from a spellin' match 'n th' Bottoms an', ez I riccollec', when I come t' Gus Fuller's ol' place an' was a-comin through them air woods, somep'n was a-sittin' right 'n th' middle o' th' road—wasn't a stun's throw from me. All I see was a head an' a dozen arms reachin' 'et me. Now I ain't beholden t' nobody thet it is or was, so I jist got a club an' started fer thet pesky thing an' it begin t' wave its arms an' groan. Fur's I'm concerned I' ez lief a-rutted it out ez not, howsomever I calc'lated as how I better not go gallivantin' down Main street a'ter a ghost becuz I might a' skeered all th' wimen folks an' young 'uns t' death, so I jist went 'round it enstid an' left it settin' thar a-groanin'. An' thet's gospel truth, Joel Ridgeway.”

Now Jerome was noted in Morristown for his honesty, but he believed—as do many people—that the whole truth is not always needed, and that may be the reason why he did not tell Joel that when he looked back he discovered, by the moon's light, that his ghost was the stump of an old tree and its arms were the roots waving in the wind, while the groaning came from the roots rubbing together.

"Waal now," said Joel, "I dunno what t' think. What d' yew say, Parson?"

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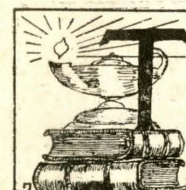
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Material for the next issue must be in the hands of the Editor not later than Friday, March 15.

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EDITORIAL

DEBATING SEASON OPENS



THE Ames debating team has been known and therefore feared by many High Schools of the state, such as Boone, Marshalltown and North Des Moines.

Our team has won many victories in the past years; the team this year intends to keep up this good record and add many victories to our ever-increasing list.

The question to be debated in the High School League this year is "The Closed Shop vs. The Open Shop," and the Ames debaters, Clair Taylor, Frank Mixa and Franklin Hambleton, debated with Algona on the negative side of the question in the opening debate of the season. On account of insufficient time in drill on delivery, the decision went to Algona, but not without a hard fight on the part of the Ames team.

Although Ames High is not now in the State Debating League, it is hoped that some dual or triangular debates may be arranged.

To win in any of these debates will require the best efforts of every one. The team will do its best and the school must do its best, also. If you attend the debates either at home or away and support the team the debaters will do the rest.

It was evident in the first issue of The Spirit that some material was omitted. It was unavoidable on account of lack of space, but this condition has been remedied.

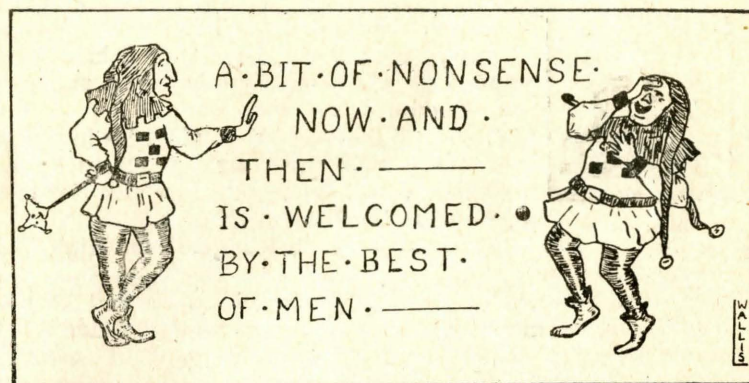
The paper is larger as a whole, and several departments have been increased. We hope such changes as have been made will meet with the approval of the readers and we can assure them they are meant for the best. Other improvements will be made in the future when causes for them arise.

The students can help along these improvements by contributing articles of literary, humorous or other nature.

This paper should not be the product of a few, but the result of the thoughts of all.

"A" MEN

During the football season of 1911 the following twelve men of the Ames High School won their A's: Will Davis, Merrill Griffith, Harold McDowell, Norris Brintnall, Oberton Bollman, Orrie Ghrist, Harry Greenlee (captain), Robert Leffler, Raymond Jones, Marvin Russell, Clarence Deal, Loyall Thomas, Claud Sellers. The last six had also won football "A's" prior to this season.



Sophs—10c, later marked down 0c. They must have had a class meeting of some sort.

Mr. Roach says "much enthusiasm was displayed at the Cherokee game, even people with white hair were present." Did Clapper go along?

"Though you're deaf, dumb and blind,
There is no need of tears;
You can still show your joy
By just wiggling your ears."
Someone had a happy hunch!

We have been told by a little "Prep" that St. Paul is noted because Niagara Falls is located there. Really!

Girl: "Cliff Read, you're one grand big limit."
Cliff: "Well, I don't know. I am six feet two"

TO MR. HICKS

With awe the Freshman looks to thee
When flunked past all hope,
In eyes as verdant fresh as his
Thou art mightier than the Pope.

The "Sophie," too, has reverence much
For the the power that is thine,
He ne'er forgets the nuggets delved
In sad experience, mine.

The Junior's far too happy,
He has no use for thee,
From moorings loose his gallant ship
Glides o'er the smiling sea.

The Senior with his thesis grand,
As usual ever late,
A suppliant knee he bends to thee,
He must—to graduate.

Miss Wakefield says the happiest hours of her life were between 10 p. m. and when she went to bed.

Mr. Champlin: "Mr. Read, what kind of seed would you sow for a hay crop?"

Cliff (thoughtfully): "Hay seed."

Teacher: "What three words used most by the Seniors?"

Pupil: "I don't know."

Teacher: "Correct."

The glowing countenance of our teacher in Senior Physics has so much attraction for the young ladies as to cause them to sit and gaze at him with rapt faces during recitation. Perfectly good time thrown away girls. He has already been deceived by one of the fairer sex. (See Cedar Rapids.)

Exam. Query: "What is the Arsenal of Venice?"

Answer: "*He* was a sort of teacher in Venice."

Cedar Rapids is a *dandy place*.

Letters arrive Tuesdays and Thursday. Leave—Oh—every day.

Tenacity is the act of stretching.

FAMOUS SAYINGS BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

Lois Pammel: "I'm quite foolish about it."

Miss Wakefield: "Check for accuracy."

Karl Clapper: "I don't believe I know."

Leonard Wallis: "How-do-you-dew."

Florence Watkins: "I don't care what you say."

Miss Bray: "Now isn't that funny!"

Sarah McElyea: "!!?—!!?—!!!?"

Harriette Wilkinson: "Oh my heart!"

Eva Brooks: "O!"

Jay Clements: "Do I have to wink now?"
 Mr. Hicks: "Taking up this phase of the work."
 "Pete" Pammel: "Ding bust it."
 Orrie Ghrist: "Love me, honey."
 Gladys Hultz: "Believe me!"
 Anita Meltzer: "Really!"
 Ira Authur: "That's pretty keen."
 Raymond Curtis Jones, Esq.: "Fine! Fine!"
 Clair Taylor: "Ahem! Now, let's see!"
 Daisy Mellor: "Ish!"
 "Newt" Gray: "For cat's sake!"
 Leslie Lynch: "'Seuse me."
 Orville Emery: "Flip-flop—come on now."
 Miss Boyd: "Quiet, please."
 Marion Russell: "Ah! gowan, what do ya' think this is any way?"

Genevieve Graves: "I don't see any joke to that."

Mr. Roach: "Think! Think! Think!"

Did you ever hear of apples

Picked from a linden tree?

Well, that's what Florence translates in Dutch,

So it must surely be.

Miss Bray was writing the characteristics of Ichabod Crane on the board:

"Soft and foolish of heart."

Chester: "Er—Miss Bray—don't you think you had better add 'with the ladies' to that?"

Miss Bray: "No. I don't think that is necessary—whom do men usually have soft and foolish hearts for?"

Miss Schreiner: "I wish you all a Merry Christmas."

Class (replying together): "Same to you."

Miss S: "I didn't understand. One at a time, please."

Claude (translating in Latin): "The citizens of the town lacked wives."

Miss Crawford: "No doubt they also lacked wives, but the translation is wisdom."

Dissenter program reads:

November Sixth

No Meating.

Say! Who's on that committee?

Student (picking up Caesar): "Oh, say! Latin is *easy*. I wish I'd taken it. Look here (pointing to several passages:

"Forty ducks in a row" (Forte dux in aro) and "pass us some jam" (passus sum jam).

A secant is a line drawn across a circle, sticking out at both ends. Lumer is original at least.

When asked to spell woman one specially bright pupil replied: "Double—a man."

Definition of cramming (for proof of good result observe "Short" in English): "To jam into the cranium a few moments before examination all or part of the facts embodied in a study."

The High School pupils have voted to supply the faculty with rubber pencils free of charge. Warranted to erase *all* check marks and make no noise when rapped on the desk.

Watch H. K.'s locket. Change of pictures twice a week.

Mike's mamma doesn't like to have him walk to the college after night. Perhaps "she" could stay in town.

Boy: "While I was in Chicago I saw three buildings destroyed by fire. Two burned down."

Teacher: "What happened to the other one?"

Boy: "It burned up."

Lela: "Bessie told me that secret I told you not to tell her."

Edna: "She's a mean thing! I told her not to tell you I told her."

Lela: "Well, I told her I wouldn't tell you on her, so don't you tell her I did."

"Short": "I'd give a dollar for a curl of your sister's hair."

Will C.: "Pay me. I know where she hangs 'em at night."

Taken from the Junto Dissenter Prophecy:

Myra Wasser will live on Chesapeake Bay in order to be near the "Beach." Julius also likes "Das Wasser."

Stephen Loughran will drive a patent medicine wagon. Medicine guaranteed to increase the height two feet. Genevieve Graves and Mattie Farnum will travel with him as living examples of the efficiency of his medicine.

Marjorie Summers will take so much knowledge from the many colleges which she attends that there will be little left for the poor unfortunates who follow after.

Jay Clements will play Casey Jones in a Broadway theatre with 1,940 variations.

Frank Mixa will be the inventor and sole manufacturer of a compound absolutely guaranteed to cure headache among fowls.

Tillie Schlissel will be a teacher in Central Africa, and assisted by George Blair, will teach the natives how to dance.

Puzzle—How did Mr. Roach get white eiderdown on his coat?

Teacher (in Latin): "What is the present of gesserat."

Pupil: "Gesso."

Teacher: "Gero—no guess so about it."

"I would like to get my hair cut, please," said Julius, as he threw himself in a chair.

"Any special way?" asked the barber.

"Yes," was the reply, "off."

LOCAL AND SOCIAL



The new High School building is progressing in fine shape. When they view the building and think what it will be when completed it almost makes the Seniors wish that they could stay in High School another year. The new building will offer the students many advantages of which we are now deprived and those who go to school in it ought surely to appreciate them.

The new semester began with an increase in enrollment of twenty-six. This is certainly doing well for the second semester. It is a good thing that we are going to have a new H. S. building for the old building is too crowded now for convenience. What would it be if the enrollment increased as much every year as it has this?

The new class pins and rings have arrived and the Seniors are proudly wearing them. They are very pretty and the Seniors are justified in feeling proud of them.

Clarence Deal, '12, had a bad accident during the Christmas vacation. While out hunting he accidentally shot and injured the fingers on his left hand.

This year the Showain Neme Shine's are glad to welcome four new students, Vere Ewing, Glenn Robb, Roy Robb, and Donald Scovel, to their tribe.

On Friday evening, December 15th, the Senior Class held their term party at Redmen's Hall. Several of the faculty were present and they with the majority of the class, spent the evening in games and a general good time. Ice cream and cake were served by five Junior girls, Violet Pammel, Lisette Meltzer, Janet Knapp, and Lollie Loughran.

Friday evening, January 26, the Juniors and Dissenters gave their joint program. A large crowd was present including many visitors.

The following program was given:

Music Blanche Wasser
Welcome Address Frank Mixa
Sacred Reading Genevieve Graves
Song by All.
Jingles Donald Scovel
Reading Anita Metzger
Farce—"The Real Thing."
Vocal Quartet—Margaret Noble, Lois Pammel, Loretta Harri-
man, Violet Pammel.
Prophecy Franklin Hambleton
Vaudeville Mr. Champlin and Mr. Roach
High School Songs—by All.

Miss Boyd visited at the home of Miss Wakefield in Gilbert over Sunday.

The Seniors are now proudly wearing the new badges of their dignity.

Lela Golden and Edna Clark entertained a party of their friends at a bob-ride followed by an oyster supper at the home of J. V. Ball, south of town, on the evening of January 24th.

The city school teachers were delightfully entertained at a four course dinner given by Superintendent and Mrs. Hicks. The evening was spent in guessing authors and artists, readings and musical numbers.

Orrie Ghrist, '12, has been compelled to leave school and go west for his health. He is now in Miles City, Montana.

Minnie Eldredge '12, completed her work in High School at Christmas time.

Everett Osborn has left school and is going to college.

Walter Pickett has joined our ranks again.

Blanche Rosenfield has returned to school.

The Tuesday morning assemblies of the High School are much enjoyed by everyone. The addition of so many new pupils fills the assembly room to the limit. On January 30, Mr. Clyde of the college Y. M. C. A. lead devotionals and also addressed the students. Mr. Roach sang two much appreciated songs and the High School orchestra furnished several pieces of music.

The county school teachers were entertained at a reception given by the city school teachers in the assembly room of the city library, Friday evening, February 2.

Edward Morris entertained the Y. M. C. A. of the High School at his home north of town. The evening was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Curtiss acted as chaperone.

The Junior Class has chosen for its colors, purple and white, and the white rose for its flower.

On Saturday evening, December 16, the Juniors held one of the most enthusiastic parties Ames High has ever known. Every one was full of "pep" and the evening was one grand rush. At eight o'clock the youths accompanied by their fair maidens began to arrive at Pammel's. And then the fun commenced.

The moving pictures were great, and, truly, the air was just full of excitement all during the field meet. Meanwhile every one spent his spare time trying to win everyone else's hearts, (candy hearts, however,) and the person who was the greatest "heart stealer" received a prize.

Then came the ever popular "eats," and, Oh my! but they were good. After awarding the evening's prizes and pulling off a keen little stunt on the boys, the party broke up, declaring if the Junior Class didn't know how to entertain royally, they would like to see the class that did.

The Juniors in the American Literature class have just recently enjoyed a trip (?) with Titania, Oberon and Puck in Fairyland. Miss Bray proved to be a most delightful guide to them in their travels.

The Ninth Grade has had quite a time selecting its colors. Those selected by the first committee appointed did not meet with the approval of the class and a new committee was appointed. Of the colors selected by this committee, yellow and white were decided upon.

A social committee was also appointed consisting of eight members, to look after the entertainments that the class may give.

The Ninth Grade dues for this year are twenty-five cents. They should be paid to Leta Sylvester, the class treasurer.

Miss Boyd was absent for a week because of illness and Miss Wenholtz, principal of the Welch school, took her place for the first two days, after which Mr. Hicks took her classes and Miss Schreiner her study room period.

Miss Boyd thinks that the Ninth Grade of this year is more dignified than some of the preceding ninth grades. If she had seen them at their first meeting she would have changed her opinion.

The Ninth Grade has been increased by twenty-six new pupils, nineteen of whom came up from the Eighth grade, the first of this semester.

The Ninth Grade had a party at the home of Leta and Iva Sylvester January 19th, which was a great success. The decorations were in yellow and white, the class colors. During the first part of the evening games were played, a program followed consisting of:

Violin SoloBailey Waltmire
ReadingNorma Lee

Piano SoloElizabeth Kooser
Vocal SoloMeryl Rutherford
Vocal SoloMr. Roach
Impromptu Talks.....Miss Schreiner and Mr. Champlin

After this refreshments were served and a picture of the class was taken. Miss Schreiner says that this party was one of the jolliest she ever attended.

The High School teachers are luxuriating in a box of apples presented to them by Lyman Driebelbis and a box of fudges from Laura Johnson.

Joe Carr has been out of school for a few weeks on account of an operation for appendicitis. However he is able to be about again and will soon be back in school.

Seventeen high school girls pleasantly surprised Alma Martin on her birthday January 24. The girls brought their own refreshments which consisted of sandwiches, ice cream and cake. Games were played, after which all were taken for a bob ride.

A delightful time was reported.

Now is the time to take your bob ride. The Y. M. C. A's have certainly been taking advantage of this fact. Sleighing has been exceptionally fine this winter.

Four new students from out of town have entered the High School this semester. Thomas and Robert Barnes from Chicago, Ill., Glen Burton from Cambridge, Iowa and Fred McElrath from Merville, Iowa.

Several of the High School students are enlisted to take the Boy Scouts' or Girl Pioneers' work. Some of the faculty have also joined and are pushing the work along. Any one over eighteen years of age is privileged to join and those between sixteen and eighteen years of age who are recommended may also enlist. The first instruction is to be given March the fourth at the college. This is to prepare leaders for the regular Scouts and Pioneers.

Prof. Bishop's Sunday School Class of which several are High School boys took their girl friends for a bob ride out to the home of Willie Van Duzer, where they had an oyster stew. Miss Bray and Mr. Champlin chaperoned the party. It was discovered on the way out that Mr. Champlin has great talent in telling true(?) ghost stories. Miss Bray displayed her talent in composing verses.

Misses Minnie Eldridge and Mabel Rosenfeld finished the High School Course at the end of the first semester and will graduate with the Class of 1912.

ATHLETIC

Summing up the season in general it has been a very successful one for Ames High. West high and Fort Dodge were a little too big for us. Boone and Cherokee we should have beaten and the rest we did beat. As to the season's scores between Ames and her opponents the result was very satisfactory. Ames scored 62 points against her opponents 32. Another big success of the season was the attitude the players were induced to maintain towards the game and towards their studies. At no time during the whole season was an Ames man removed from a game for using "dirty" methods or "bad English." With but one exception, and that for a very short time, every man on the squad was eligible to play in every game. And last but not least the use of tobacco was entirely cut out by the whole squad.

Football was a very beneficial activity in Ames High, last fall. It not only brought out a strong high school spirit, but helped each individual player physically, mentally and morally. More boys should come out and take advantage of this helpful factor in high school work.

On Thanksgiving day the team accepted a challenge to a game with the Alumni, including some who were "Ex" but not graduates. The old timers had some of the best material that Ames High has ever had in late years, such as: Clay Cameron, Don Griffith, "Sunks" Howard and Harry Cave. Howard succeeded in executing a neat field goal which was the only count made by the Alumni. The high school secured one touch down and Ghrist kicked goal. As these were the only scores, the final count was 6 to 3 for the High School.

The purpose of this game was to get some money for the athletic treasury. During the season a debt of some \$30 was incurred. The returns from the Thanksgiving game helped, but there is still a debt of over \$20 which the school must pay. Athletics or any other works cannot be carried on without support and money. If you have not "pep" enough to get into any activity you ought at least support those who have.

The team and school have much for which to thank Mr. Hicks for so kindly advancing the necessary money to back the games held at home. Without it the games could not have been carried on at all and there are few indeed who would be willing to assume the financial risk that is naturally connected with each game.

Another matter which the whole school appreciates very much is the kindness of the Athletic Department at I. S. C. in allowing the high school athletic teams to use their gridiron, track and diamond. Although we have in no way expressed this appreciation before nevertheless it is felt and we sincerely thank the Athletic Department for this helpful accomodation.

At a meeting of the football squad, on December 17, to elect a captain for the 1912 squad, Davis received 1 vote; Jones, 4; Greenlee, 9. This reelected last years captain and the best man in high school for the position. Everybody knows "Scot" and knows what he did for high school athletics last fall but few realize the effort he put forth to accomplish what he did. Among said efforts his speeches were no small matter. "Scot" is one of the very few who can be depended upon at any time or in any difficulty and he is sure to lead Ames High through a successful football season in 1912.



The Basket Ball season has been closed for some time and at present no athletics are in progress in Ames High, but our season was a good one and every one is entirely satisfied. Our three games were won with the exception of the last game at Jefferson in which the score was a tie. Owing to the lack of time, the Ames girls were unable to remain to play it out. Our scores were as follows:—

Story City vs. Ames at Story City, 8 to 5 in favor of Ames.

Jefferson vs. Ames at Ames, 26 to 4 in favor of Ames,

Jefferson vs. Ames at Jefferson, 10 to 10.

Our last line-up was:

Mary Darner, Right Forward.

Marie Ferguson, Left Forward.

Edith Curtiss, Center.

Lisette Meltzer, Side Center.

Velma Griffith, Right Guard.

Violet Pammel, Left Guard.

Substitutes—Edith Read, Loretta Harriman.

We hope to have a larger number at our first meeting in the spring including all the old players. Our girls worked hard and not one failed us when we needed her. The girls seemed more interested in the game than in being on the first team and that is what counts. Everyone loyal and trying to help those who do make the team.

Miss Edna Pammel was our B. B. Coach. Her success is shown in the score made by the Team.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

Fred—"What kind of a part have I in the class play? Is there any chance of my pleasing the audience?"

Trainer—"Every chance, you die in the first act."

Bub—"Father who was Shylock."

Father—"Shame on you, Bub, Go study your Bible."

Gushing Senior Miss—"I am indebted to you for all I know."

Teacher—"Don't mention it. It is a mere trifle."

How to kill the paper

1. Do not buy a paper, Borrow your neighbor's paper—be a sponge.

2. Look up the advertisers and trade with the other fellow—be a chump.

3. Never hand in articles and be sure to criticise everything in the paper—be a coxcomb.

4. If you are a member of the staff play tennis or society when you ought to be attending to business—be a shirk.

5. If you can hustle and make the paper a success—be a corpse.

Charlie, "Is that question bothering you?"

Kellar—"No but the answer is."

Overheard at the Newton game.

"Goodness how will those poor boys ever get clean."

"Oh, they have a scrub team, you know."

Nell—"O yes I have a cousin playing football."

Rose—"Is that so? What position does he play?"

Nell—"I forget whether it is touchdown or punt."

Fresh—"Do all nuts grow on trees?"

Soph—"Yes, son."

Fresh—"Then what trees do doughnuts grow on."

Soph—"Pan trees, son. Now run along and don't ask so many questions."

"Do savages wear clothes?"

"No, dearie."

"Then why did papa put a button in the missionary box."

We have been pleased to receive the following exchanges:—

Pebbles, Marshalltown.

The H. H. S., Hawarden.

The Tatler, West Des Moines.

The Bulletin, Davenport.

The Oracle, North Des Moines.

The Quill, East Des Moines.

Daily Iowan, S. U. I.

The Student, I. S. C.

We wish to thank The Quill of East Des Moines for the encouraging comment published in their exchange department concerning the first issue of the Spirit.

We hope to deserve it.

HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

H. S. Y. M. C. A.

The High School Y. M. C. A. meets every Tuesday evening. During the winter we have been meeting at the homes of the members. Our program consists of devotions followed by the lesson, then the business meeting and a social hour. The meetings are quite well attended, but we are anxious to have more of the boys of our school join and help to boost this worthy cause.

Franklin Hambleton, Ralph Downey, Herbert Downey, Stephen Loughran, Kendrick Loughran, Harold Crissman, Howard Park and Ralph Seofield accompanied by Mr. Roach, attended the Fourth Annual State Conference for Older Boys, held at Ft. Dodge, December 8-9-10. The boys all report a good time as well as the benefits derived in other ways.

During the winter we have had two bob rides, each member inviting a lady friend. Miss Hadley chaperoned the first ride and Mrs. Curtiss furnished oysters for the crowd. The second ride was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols and Mrs. Walter Morris served supper. The officers of this organization are Franklin Hambleton, Pres., Ralph Downey Sec. & Treas., Richard Arnold Chairman of the Meetings Committee, Harold Crissman, Chairman of Social Committee and Mr. Clark of I. S. C. Adult Leader.

ORCHESTRA.

Quick response was given last fall to the call for players for the High School Orchestra and although eight of the eleven members are practically new at the work, the High School can boast of having an orchestra that has been doing good conscientious work. Their music numbers are always greatly ap-

preciated at High School assemblies and the orchestral accompaniments add life and interest to the general assembly singing.

The members are as follows:

1st Violin.	2nd Violin
Merrill Griffith	Clarence Deal
Bailey Waltmire	Meryl Rutherford
Vern Nunamaker	Glenn Easterly
1st Cornet	Cello
Leland Spangler	Richard Conaway.
2nd Cornet	Clarinet
Orlo Best	Vinna Nunamaker
Piano—Blanche Wasser.	

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

After an individual testing of voices, the High School Chorus was organized the fourth week of the term. The Chorus numbers about thirty and consists of those students, who, according to their schedule, can take the work the sixth period of the session.

The chorus has been doing very creditable work on quite difficult music some of which has been rendered at high school assemblies. The earnestness and enthusiasm of its members promise the rendition of some good music on future high school programs.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB.

The Girls' Glee Club made its first appearance at the assembly of the Y. M. C. A. with great success. Their encore, Old Ames High, by Grace Cole, was a complete surprise to the High School and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. We hope others may get the spirit of composing and give us another song equally as good.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB.

The Boys' Glee Club had its first rehearsal at the beginning of the second semester. They have done excellent work and are now ready to give some rousing music for the High School. Look for their debut soon.

The members are as follows:

Ronald Allan	Leone Shull
La Verne Buckton	Harold Crissman
Wayne Hunter	Charles Storey
Richard Conaway	Clarence Deal
Ralph Downey	Harry Greenlee
Herbert Downey	Howard Park

JUNTO.

The work of the Junto Literary Society has been carried on all fall in a most interesting manner and some of the programs have been especially enjoyed. On December the eighth a Child's Program was given. Each girl responded to the roll call with

a humorous child story, and a reading was given in child dialect by Margaret Noble. Several musical numbers have been given by Misses Crawford, Blanche Wasser and Violet Roberson. At one program Mr. Roach delighted the Juntos with a vocal solo.

The last program before vacation was carried out entirely in a Christmas spirit. The Assembly room desk was decorated with the Christmas colors and in the center was placed a little Christmas tree just loaded down with presents. The program was opened in the usual way and the roll call answered with Xmas quotations. Readings were given by Anna Judge and Tillie Schlissel, and a piano solo by Violet Roberson. Mattie Farnum and Zeta Best gave a discussion, "Resolved that the Present Christmas Customs be Abolished." Christmas Jingles about the different members of Junto were given by Genevieve Graves. After the program every one was given a number and when Santa Claus called the numbers they marched to the front and received their gifts. The meeting was closed by singing a song written by Violet Pammel, "Junto Christmas Spirit."

DISSENTERS L. S.

The programs have all been very good. The fact that the entire debating team is composed of members of the Dissenters is proof that the work has been of a very high order.

Officers were again elected December 14. The following were elected, President—Julius Beach; Vice-president—Paul Storm; Secretary—Clair Taylor; Treasurer—Frank Mixa; Marshal—Mr. Champlin; Program Committee—Richard Arnold and Ralph Downey.

If every boy in the three upper classes joined, the Dissenters would be the strongest literary society in Central Iowa. Let's make it as much a part of H. S. activities as foot-ball and track. Get behind, and push!

ALUMNI NOTES

Officers of Alumni Association of Ames High this year are: President—Percy Ellis, '09; Vice President—Earl Smith, '09; Secretary—Ben Read, '05; Treasurer—Arthur Buck, '06.

It is the purpose of the Alumni Association to continue its activities of the past few years, and to again entertain the Seniors at an Annual Banquet, as a welcome to our number. The President will call a meeting in the near future for the purpose of planning this banquet, and it should be the purpose of good Alumni to be there and help make this year's banquet a bigger and better reunion of the sons and daughters of old Ames High than ever before.

Mrs. R. L. Webster, '01 of Ames, has aided the Alumni editor very materially by supplying a complete list of the members of her class with their addresses and occupations, which will appear from time to time in this column. Like favors from other Alumni will be greatly appreciated.

Floyd Scott, '07, is a Government Meat Inspector in Chicago.

Miss Delia Swain, '11, is teaching school near her home town, Moingona, Boone Co.

Mrs. Rose Goble Bradley, '01, is living with her two sons at Escandido, Cal.

Mr. S. Wilson Rich and R. H. McCarthy are the sole survivors of the class of '89, and report absolute quiet in that portion of Alumni corner.

Howard T. Hill, '06, is taking a law course at Harvard University.

John Gardner, '07, is running an orange ranch in California.

Mrs. Fred Elwell, '03, of St. Louis, Mo., visited during the winter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mellor.

Miss Stella St. John, '07, is now Mrs. Will Hart having been married last fall at Cedar Rapids.

Ray Wirtman, '96, is an electrician in the city of Chicago, Ill.

Earl McDowell, '01, is a successful lawyer in Crawford, Nebr.

Lew Willey, '07, visited his parents in Ames during the Christmas vacation. He is engaged in veterinary work under Dr. Reynolds in Minnesota.

Russell Engberg, '11, is attending Des Moines College this year, but will enter the Agronomy course at I S. C. next fall.

Oscar Freed, '07, is doing veterinary work at Huxley, Iowa.

Ernest Granger, '96, is now a successful practicing physician in Chicago.

Harley McElyea, '03, who recently visited his mother and sister in Ames, is District Chief of the telephone system at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, in the employ of the Canadian Government.

Miss Margaret Freed, '07, and Mr. Floyd Zenor are married and live at Ontario, Iowa.

Miss Mabel Campell, '01, is head of Domestic Science Dep't of Wesleyan College, Bloomington, Illinois.

Sadie Hambleton, '10, who has been studying at Simpson College the past semester left February 6, for Houston, Texas, where she will remain till next September when she will again enroll at Indianola.

Thos. McCall, '05, is in the Hort. Dep't of the Northwestern Experiment Station situated at Crookston, Minn. and his brother Frank McCall, '05, is manager of the Berry Hill Orchard, at Des Moines.

Lew Doggett, '05, the man who gave to the High School its handsome debating trophy is still working in the pennant factory at Ames.

Fred Randau, '05, is managing the Graves farm south of town.

Miss Pearl Fowler, '01, lives with her husband and daughter at St Joe, Michigan.

Lyle Corlette, '05, is at work in the Westinghouse Shops at Schenectady, N. Y.

Geo. Clark, '05, is editor of a newspaper at Redfield, South Dakota.

Warren ("Tommy") Smith, '07, is in the employ of U. S. Forestry Dep't in the California Reserves.

Mrs. Faith Clark Gilmore, '09, of Winnipeg, Canada is visting friends in Ames for a few weeks. Faith was a prominent member of her class and of Junto Literary Society when in school.

Geo Miller, '09, is taking the Dairy Course at the college. He was down during Exam. week visiting with some of his former teachers in High School.

Several Alumni were regular vistors of High School during the last few weeks of the semester for the purpose of discussion in the Normal Training Classes at the College. We remember Florence Caldwell, '07, Carrie Brown, '08, Carrie Hunter, '08.

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That is plain to see,

And what on earth's the use of proving

What we know must be.

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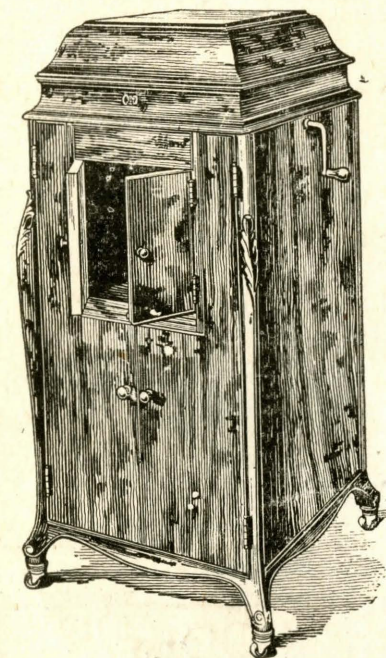
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